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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year, 1962.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/63, dated 30th January, 1963.

Clearance of houses unfit for human habitation is the main public health problem in the district, and will be for years to come. During 1962, ten individually unfit houses were officially represented under the Housing Acts. and five families were rehoused from these properties.

Nineteen flats for aged persons were completed during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births: 172 births (91 males and 81 females) were registered this year; a crude birth rate of 24.4 per thousand of the population. The corrected birth rate, i.e. that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of the district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 24.6.

12 births were illegitimate.

There were 5 still births, which gives a still birth rate of 28.2 per 1,000 total births.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth rate is 1.01.

Deaths: 97 deaths were registered, of which 51 were males and 46 females.

The crude death rate is 13.7 and the adjusted rate is 15.1 per thousand estimated population. (Registrar-General's comparability factor is 1.10).

Maternal Mortality: It is very gratifying to report again, that there has been no maternal death in the district.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area: These services are administered by the County Council through No. 13 Divisional Health Committee, on which this Council is represented.

Table I

CLINIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE SCHOOL CLINIC, MARKET STREET WHITWORTH.

Minor Ailments :	Tuesdays, 9-30 a.m.—10-30 a.m. Thursdays, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon.
Child Welfare :	Thursdays, 2—4 p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination :	4th Wednesday in every month, 10-30 a.m.
Ante-natal Session : (Midwives only).	Mondays, 2—4 p.m. (Doctor attends on first) Monday in month).
Chiropody :	Wednesdays, 1-30—4-30 p.m.

Table II

DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF—WHITWORTH AREA.

Asst. Div. Medical Officer & Sch. Medical Officer.	Dr. J. M. Curtis, School Clinic. Market Street, Whitworth. Tel Whitworth 2381.
Health Visitors & School Nurses.	Miss E. B. Ferguson and Miss N Thornton, School Clinic, Market Street, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3181.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor.	Mrs. M. E. Schofield, "Sparthfield," Manchester Rd., Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48333.
District Nurse.	Mrs. C. Bridge, 2, Brenbar Crescent, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2177.
Domiciliary Midwife.	Mrs. T. R. Hay, 63 Wallbank Drive, Whitworth. Tel. 2131.
Divisional Welfare Organiser.	Mr. J. H. Todd, Divisional Health Office, 193 Drake Street, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Home Help Organiser.	Miss I. Crawford, Divisional Health Offices, 193 Drake Street, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.

Mental Health Worker.	Miss J. R. Lambert, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Duly Authorised Officer.	Mr. E. B. Williams, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231. (Outside Office Hours: Tel. Oldham MAIn 5488).
Ambulance Station, Bacup.	Station Officer S. C. Kay, Commercial Street, Stacksteads. Tel. Accrington 34834

APPENDIX

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Summary of Statistics : 1962.

Area (Acres)	4483
Population (Census 1951)	7442
Population (Census 1961)	7050
Population estimated (Mid 1962)	7060
Number of inhabited houses (1962)	2688
Rateable Value	£63,429
Sum represented by a penny rate	£248

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	84	76	160
Illegitimate	7	5	12
Total	91	81	172

Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population	24.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births	7.0
Still Births—Number	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	28.2
Total Live and Still Births	177
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	6
Infant Mortality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	34.9
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimatelive births	37.5
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	29.1
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	29.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total liveand still births	56.5
Maternal Mortality (including abortion).	
Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	51	46	97

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	19.9
Deaths from Certain Specified Diseases.	
Diseases of Circulatory System	49
Cancer (all forms)	15
Tuberculosis	1
Bronchitis	4

INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No of deaths	Infant Mortality, Rate per 1,000 live births	Quinquennial Rates Year	Rate
1962	6	34.9	58-62	33.6
1961	5	38.8	57-61	29.9
1960	5	36.5	56-60	23.7
1959	2	13	55-59	24
1958	5	45	54-58	35
1957	2	16	53-57	31
1956	1	8	52-56	34
1955	5	38	51-55	38
1954	9	69	50-54	40
1953	3	25	49-53	35
1952	4	31	48-52	37
1951	3	27	47-51	38
1950	6	48	46-50	43
1949	5	42	45-49	43
1948	5	35	44-48	48
1947	6	40	43-47	61
1946	7	50	42-46	72
1945	6	50	41-45	75
1944	7	63	40-44	83
1943	13	103	39-43	85
1942	10	94	38-42	82
1941	7	64	37-41	76
1940	9	90	36-40	92
1939	6	76	35-39	90
1938	7	86	34-38	84
1937	4	65		
1936	13	149		
1935	9	75		
1934	5	45		

CAUSES OF DEATH	1961	1962
ALL CAUSES	127	97
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	3	1
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—
Diptheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infections and Parisitic Diseases	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	5	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	8
Leukæmia	2	1
Diabetes	3	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	21	13
Coronary Disease, Angina	17	14
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	1
Other Heart Disease	23	16
Other Circulatory Disease	2	5
Influenza	7	1
Pneumonia	6	6
Bronchitis	6	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	2	—
Gastritis, Entiritis and Diarrhæ	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	9	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2
All Other Accidents	4	1
Suicide	1	—
Homicide and Operations of War	—	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

During the Year 1962

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED										
	Total Cases at all Ages	Age Period—Years									
		0–	1–	2–	3–	4–	5–	10–	15–	25 and over	Age un-known
Scarlet Fever	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis											
Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (excluding Rubella)	20	1	—	1	4	1	13	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	4	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

		0	5–	15–	45–	65 and over	Age un-known
Acute Pneumonia (prim and infl'zal)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Small-Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis							
Infective	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post-infectious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Notifiable Diseases (Specify)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	26						

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Comparison 1952—1962

DISEASE	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Small Pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Scarlet Fever	2	...	1	2	2	...	2	...	3	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	20	140	58	74	21	52	119	166	2	104	94
Whooping Cough	...	8	17	...	43	2	14	27	8	31	32
Pneumonia	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	1	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	1	1	2	2
Dysentery	4	...	...	...	16	...	1	...	...	5	1
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gastro Enteritis	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Totals	26	149	78	79	82	55	139	200	16	150	143

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Monthly Incidence, 1962.

DISEASE	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APL.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Small Pox													
Scarlet Fever	2			2									
Diphtheria													
Measles	20										1	3	16
Whooping Cough ...													
Pneumonia													
Erysipelas													
Pueperal Pyrexia ...													
Opthalmia Neonatorum													
Meningococcal Infection													
Chicken Pox ...													
Food Poisoning ...													
Dysentery	4					3							1
Poliomyelitis ...													
TOTALS ...	26			2		3					1	3	17

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1962.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—14 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—24 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25—44 „	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
45—64 „	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
65 and over	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Age Unknown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	3		0		1		0	
	3				1			
Total 1961 ...	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
	3		0		3		0	

Public Health Inspector's Annual Report

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Whitworth.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN :

I have pleasure in presenting my fourth Annual Report to you which covers the year ending December 31st, 1962.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

75 Informal Notices and 56 Statutory Notices for the abatement of nuisances and the remedy of sanitary defects in and around dwellings were served on owners and occupiers. Much of this work has been expedited by the use of the Public Health Act, 1961.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Number of premises visited	1,092
Number of Sanitary Defects found	140
Number of Sanitary defects remedied	119
Food premises inspected	46
Factories inspected	25
Rodent Control	17
Meat Inspection	239

SANITARY DEFECTS FOUND.

Houses :

Defective roofs	8
Defective rain water pipes	4

General :

Choked drainage	16
Defective drainage	10
Defective sanitary accommodation buildings	2
Choked water closets	14
Inadequate water supply	51
Perished plaster	1
Offensive accumulations	16
Defective chimneys	1
Defective sinks	1
Inoperative cisterns	9
Choked waste water closets	2
Broken water closets	1
Non-weatherproof walls	2
Defective doors	4
Defective window frames	1
Dirty houses	1
Infestations of rats	2
Non-rat proof premises	1
Noise nuisances	2
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

A. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the area is mainly satisfactory, being provided by the Rochdale Corporation, and the majority of the houses have a supply of water that is wholly sufficient and good in quality.

The water is collected from upland surface gathering grounds and afterwards treated by modern methods of filtration and chlorination.

36 samples of the public water supply and 2 samples of private supplies were taken during 1962 and submitted for bacteriological examination. All were reported satisfactory.

22 samples were submitted for chemical analysis and satisfactory reports were received.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is 2,636 and 83 houses have supplies drawn from private sources.

Public Cleansing.

Household refuse is collected on a weekly basis from all the houses in the area and approximately 2,285 dustbins are emptied. 216 dustbins were replaced during the year under the Council's scheme.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping methods for land reclamation purposes at Springside. It is anticipated that this site will be a future playing field.

The collection and disposal of refuse has been satisfactory throughout the year.

A total of 4 tons of waste paper was collected, baled and sold as salvage.

Details of the cost of collection and disposal of household refuse are as follows :

Loads removed	642
Cost per load	£5 15s. 0d.
Refuse in tons (estimated)	3612
Cost per ton	20/6d.
Number of houses and premises	3000
Cost per house and premises per annum	£1 7s. 7d.
Average length of haul	1½ miles

Sanitary Accommodation.

The sanitary accommodation of the area is as follows:—

Fresh Water Closets	2241
Waste Water Closets	129
Pail Closets	57
No. of houses on the Water Carriage system	2779

The Pail Closets existing are situated at the following premises :—

Dwelling-houses	33
Mills and Workshops	6
Farms	7
Churches	11

With very few exceptions they cannot be converted to the fresh water carriage system, in view of the fact that they are situated in outlying parts where no sewer is available.

Although the Council encourage the conversion of waste water closets to the fresh water carriage system, progress is slow and there is no authority for compulsory conversion.

Referring to the sanitary accommodation generally, there are numerous blocks of houses where the occupiers of the dwellings have to walk distances of 20 or 30 yards down the street to the sanitary accommodation, this being jointly used by two or more families. Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot be improved at the present as most of the houses concerned are either back to back or otherwise scheduled for reconditioning.

Atmospheric Polluion.

The volumetric sulphur dioxide and smoke recorder installed at the Council Offices has produced a daily record of some of the pollutants in the air. The readings compared favourably with those of the other local authorities in the Manchester conurbation, probably because of the winds that blow over the surrounding moors.

Because of this information, it has not yet been considered necessary to institute smoke control areas.

Two factories have changed to oil-fired boilers and a third has been fitted with mechanical stokers.

Rodent Control.

The main sewers were treated once during the year, using suspended muslin bags of poison bait.

A part-time man is employed for dealing with these treatments, and a charge is made for work when engaged on industrial and farm premises.

	Type of Property		
	Non-Agricultural		Agricultural
	Dwelling Houses	All Other	
Number of properties in district	2600	537	41
Number of Properties Inspected	62	10	3
Total Inspections (incl. Re-Inspections)	318	58	3
Number of Properties found infested by:			
Rats—Major		1	
Minor	49	8	
Mice—Major			
Minor	17	2	
Number of Infested properties treated	67	11	

B. Housing.

The district has unfortunately, many sub-standard houses There are nearly 500 houses of the back-to-back type and 100 of the back-to-earth type. Most of these are incapable of improvement and will be dealt with in slum clearance schemes.

HOUSING STATISTICS

(a) Number of New Houses Erected During the Year.

	Houses	Flats
1. By the Local Authority	19	19
2. By Other Local Authorities	Nil	Nil
3. By Other Bodies or Persons	17	Nil

(b) Unfit Dwelling Houses.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	378
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	719
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—	
(a) Number found during year	6
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year	42
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	20

2. Houses Demolished.

In clearance areas—

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	34
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act 1957	Nil
Not in clearance areas.	
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1937	18

3. Unfit Houses Closed.

(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957	1
(2) Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil
(3) Parts of building closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	Nil

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By L.A.
(1) After information action by Local Authority	47	—
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	—	6
(b) Housing Act, 1957	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957.....	—	—

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957).

Position at end of year.

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.
- (a) Under Section 48..... Nil
- (b) Under Section 17(2) ..... Nil
- (c) Under Section 46..... Nil

(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53 Nil

6. Purchase of houses by agreement.

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year ..... Nil

7. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958—Improvement Grants, etc.

Action during year.

	Private bodies or Individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	5	5	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority	5	5	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.....	—	—	1	4
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	—	—	1	4
(e) Work completed.....	5	4	1	4
(f) Additional Separate dwellings included in (d) above.	—	—	—	—

(g) Any other action taken under the Act. ..... Nil

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants. Action during year:

	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Applications submitted to local authority ...	19
Applications approved by local authority ...	19
Work completed	19

C. Meat and Food Inspection.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

Food and Drugs Act, 1957.

Memo 3. Meat.

During the year all the animals slaughtered at the slaughter houses in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcases inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.....	214	86	28	654	110	—
Number inspected	214	86	28	654	110	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI.						
Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	1	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	4	3	—	9	1	—
Percentage of number inspected	1.9	3.5	—	1.5	1.0	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis...	—	—	—	—	—	—
CYSTICEROSIS.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

WEIGHT OF CARCASES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

All diseases except Tuberculosis	114 lbs.
Tuberculosis only	Nil
Total	114 lbs

Slaughterhouses

There are four private slaughterhouses licenced in the district and regular inspections are carried out. The premises are maintained and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district are for consumption in the district. It is anticipated that only one slaughterhouse will be operating after the 1st January, 1963.

Slaughtermen's Licences

During the year 12 persons were licensed as slaughtermen.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1960.

Milk Supply.

Ice Cream.

Routine visits were made during the year to the premises and vehicles in the district dealing in ice cream.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955.

The provision of the above Acts, so far as they relate to the sampling of food for nature, substance and quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council in co-operation with the Local Authority.

A total of 53 samples were obtained, of these 40 were of milk (this total includes 2 Channel Island milk) and the 13 others comprised:—

1 Margarine	1 Gravy browning
1 Glycerin B.P.	1 Lard
2 Ice cream	1 Wine
1 Throat tablets	1 Extract of malt and cod liver oil
1 Jam	1 Jelly
1 Canned fish	1 Mixed cut peel

With the exceptions of the two samples detailed below, all were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine:—

Type	*Result of Analysis*	*Action taken*
1 Informal milk	Contained a visible deposit which included fungus filaments and spores and insect remains corresponding to 1 part by volume per 100,000 of the milk. Half of the deposit was attached round the inside shoulder of the bottle.	Dairy cautioned
1 Mixed, cut peel	Contained .9% salt without declaration in the list of ingredients.	Packers communicated with

Food Shops

There are 112 premises from which food is sold in the district.

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	38
Greengrocers and Fruiterers (inc. Wet fish)	9
Meat Shops	10
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Fried Fish Shops	9
Sugar Confectionery, Minerals, Ice Cream, etc.	8
Licensed Premises, Clubs, etc.	28

Food Inspection

2 visits were made during the year to inspect foodstuffs at various premises and condemnation certificates were issued for the following:—

Corned beef	4 lbs.
Ox tongue	6 lbs.
Tinned rice pudding	1 lb.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT—1—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Premises (1)	Number of Inspections (2)	Number of Written Notices (3)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (4)
SECTION I: Factories in which Sections I, II, III, IV and VI are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	2	...	...
SECTION II: Factories not included in (I) in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority	19	...	...
SECTION III: Other premises in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	2	...
Total ...	25	2	...

2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of defects: Found (2)	Number of defects: Remedied (3)	Number of defects: Referred by H.M. Inspector (4)	Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted (5)
Want of cleanliness	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...
Unreasonable temperature ...	...	...	...	...
Ineffective drainage of floors	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Accommodation:				
insufficient	2	2	...	...
unsuitable or defective ...	...	...	...	...
inadequate ventilation ...	...	...	...	...
want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against the Act	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	2	...	...

PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORKERS : Nil

Sewage Works.

The Sewage Works have been operating efficiently, and all samples of effluent with one exception, have been reported as satisfactory by the Mersey River Board.

I wish to express my thanks for the assistance given to me by your other officials, and the constant support and encouragement received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Yours faithfully,

H. L. FIELD,

Public Health Inspector.